REMARKS

Per order of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the decision of the Examiner rejecting claims 17 and 22-29 over the prior art has been vacated and the decision of the Examiner rejecting claims 18-21 and 33 over the prior art has been reversed. However, the Board has entered a new rejection of claims 17 and 22-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that prosecution be reopened regarding the new rejection. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(b)(1).

Rejection Under U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 17 and 22-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

In accordance with the Board's recommendation at page 18, lines 7-18 of the Decision, claim 29 has been amended herein to further define "dimerdiol" as the product obtained by hydrogenating a dimer acid obtained by dimerization of an unsaturated fatty acid having 11 to 22 carbon atoms. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.
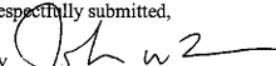
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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